



William "Bill" Arthur Swaney Sr.

May 14, 1932 - July 19, 2020

William "Bill" Arthur Swaney, Sr., 88, of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, died Sunday, July 19, 2020.

Bill was born May 14, 1932, in Chanute, Kansas, to parents Orval Kenneth and Hattie Olive (Greyson) Swaney. He graduated from Chanute High School. After he graduated high school, Bill joined the United States Air Force and served our country as a mechanic.

Bill started his career as a mechanic in his fathers' shop, O.K. Auto Salvage in Chanute. In his father's shop is where he learned the most about the trade and became very good at it! He has also worked at Gates Rubber Company in Denver, Colorado, the smelter in Coffeyville, Haliburton, Aptus and worked at Swaney's Auto Shop in Denver as well as in Coffeyville. Bill always had a shop anywhere he lived. In the early 2000s, Bill purchased a shop in South Coffeyville and opened Swaney's Transmission. His son Bill Jr. joined him in the shop and eventually Bill Jr. took over running the shop and Bill Sr. semi-retired.

He married Cora Etta (Johnson) on November 8, 1952. The couple spent 67 years together and she will miss him greatly.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Kenneth Swaney and Orval Swaney and one grandson William "Billy" Arthur Swaney III.

He is survived by his wife, Cora, of the home; daughters Cynthia Gazaway and husband Mike of Noxon, Montana, Elizabeth Swires and husband Steve of Burn Lake, British Columbia and Rebecca Swaney, of the home; son

William A. Swaney Jr. and wife Edna of Wann, Oklahoma; grandchildren Nathaniel Swires, Cynthia Cherie, Jessica Swaney, Samuel Gazaway, Janet Hillgartner, Jeremiah Swaney, Brianna Swaney and Levi Swaney; great grandchildren Mircedes Swaney, Ashleigh Swaney, Connor Wickens, Lauren Wickens, Dylan Swaney, Lizzy Swires, Cora-Lynn Hillgartner and Josiah Hillgartner; great great grandchild Caiden Davis; sisters Melva Hudson and Thelma Asher; numerous nieces, nephews and relatives by love Monica Huston, Luker and Elizabeth "Pooh" Jennings Owens.

Cemetery Details

Wann Cemetery

West 800 Road
Wann, OK 74083

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

Wann Baptist Church
Cherokee & First St.
Wann, OK 74083
<https://www.facebook.com/wannbaptistchurch/>

Tribute Wall



“ Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Bill" Arthur Swaney Sr.



Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - August 13, 2020 at 01:44 PM



“ William "Bill" Arthur Swaney Sr.

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ William "Bill" Arthur Swaney Sr.

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM

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“ Becca and I met at Sheppard AFB in 1981, or was it 1980? After we had finished tech school we went our separate ways. She went to Colorado Springs and I went to Little Rock, AR. We kept in touch and when she said she was going home for a week I told her aim would drive up to see her. It was about an 8-9 hr drive. Well somewhere in the southwest corner of Missouri my car started to over heat. I had to stop every 30 minutes And let the engine cool and put more water in. Becca said she would drive out to meet me and follow me back. I know... this supposed to be about Bill. I'm getting there. The next morning Bill came and woke me up to work on the car. I was going to call a garage. I had no idea he was a mechanic. He pulled out my radiator, unsoldered the top manifold and used a unbent clothes hanger to ream out all the little passages that were plugged with corrosion. Put it all back together in about 45 minutes. I tried to help but I didn't know much about cars. Still don't. Back to Bill. He told me to get the hose and I filled up the radiator, dropped the hose (still running) and went to start the car. He said that he didn't know where I came from but in Kansas water was like gold and told me to shut the hose off and stop wasting water. Bill was a good guy and he would go out of his way to help if he could...even for a stranger that had come to see his daughter. I will never forget that trip. The radiator got me back home no problem. In fact it never gave any trouble again. I never forgot what he did for me. Bill, you will be missed dearly.

Tim Hamlett - July 24, 2020 at 05:52 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Arthur Swaney Sr..



July 23, 2020 at 06:45 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Arthur Swaney Sr..*



July 23, 2020 at 03:19 PM



“ *Thelma and her kids, Norman, Dave, Tricia and Stan purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of William "Bill" Arthur Swaney Sr..*



Thelma and her kids, Norman, Dave, Tricia and Stan - July 22, 2020 at 12:20 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Arthur Swaney Sr..*



July 21, 2020 at 08:37 PM



“ *Edward, Cynthia & Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of William "Bill" Arthur Swaney Sr..*



Edward, Cynthia & Family - July 21, 2020 at 07:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Arthur Swaney Sr..*



July 21, 2020 at 07:25 PM



“ *Thank you for allowing us the honor of helping to care for Mr. Swaney. Right at Home*

Katie Jackson - July 21, 2020 at 09:10 AM



*Bill & Edna,
Sorry for your loss. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

Jo Kinzie - July 21, 2020 at 07:17 PM